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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system for computerised processing of orders using a network, the system including:

    a)   database storage means for storing

        i)   a master list of items, each item representing a product or service;

        ii)   supplier details received via the network;

        iii)   item sales terms for at least one of the items for at least one of the suppliers;

        iv)   purchaser details, and

        v)   purchaser terms for at least one of the purchasers for at least one of the suppliers;

    b)   receiving means for receiving via the network a purchaser identifier uniquely corresponding to one of the purchasers stored on the database storage means;

    c)   item selection criteria generating means for generating item selection criteria;

    d)   extraction means for extracting an item sublist from the master list based on the generated item selection criteria;

    e)   display means for displaying said item sublist to said purchaser;

    f)   input means for selecting one or more desired items on the item sublist and for specifying desired quantities of said selected items;

    g)   supplier selection criteria generating means for generating supplier selection criteria;

    h)   supplier selection means for receiving said desired item information and respective desired quantity information and said supplier selection criteria for selecting at least one supplier for each of the desired items, based on supplier

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selection criteria, said desired item information and respective desired quantity information,

i) wherein said supplier selection criteria includes at least one of the following:

    i)   purchaser supplied criteria;

    ii)   criteria obtained from the stored item sales terms.

2.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the item sale terms include any, or all of: whether a particular supplier supplies the respective item, price levels, stock levels, freight charges, geographic limitations on supply.

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the item selection criteria return all available items, whether in stock or not.

4.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the item selection criteria includes the purchaser details or purchaser terms for at least some of the stored vendors.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the supplier selection criteria includes purchase details or purchase terms or both.

6.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the purchaser terms for each supplier/purchaser combination includes any or all of: whether the supplier will supply the purchaser, minimum orders, freight charges, sales terms, price bands.

7.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the item selection criteria further include restrictions retrieved from the purchaser's purchase terms so as to restrict the items on the available item sublist to those items available from suppliers who have indicated that they will supply the particular purchaser.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the supplier selection criteria include restrictions retrieved from the purchaser terms.

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9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the supplier selection criteria result in the selected supplier for a desired item being the supplier with the lowest price per unit of the item.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein the lowest price is the base price or it may be an effective price after allowing for any of the following: freight, available discounts, bonuses.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the supplier selection criteria includes purchaser supplied criteria and said purchaser supplied criteria includes any or all of the following: a selected supplier, two or more suppliers, suppliers from a specified geographic location or locations, and delivery times.

12. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the purchaser supplied criteria includes criteria to obtain quotations from two or more suppliers for all items on the desired item list supplied by the respective supplier.

13. (Original) The system of claim 1 including means to transmit orders to a selected supplier or suppliers for provision of ordered items.

14. (Original) A computerised method for processing orders using a network including:
    a) storing in a database a master list of items, each of which represents a product or service;
    b) storing in the database supplier details received via the network;
    c) storing in the database item sale terms for at least one of the items for at least one of the suppliers;
    d) extracting an available item sublist from the master list based on item selection criteria;
    e) selecting desired items from the item sublist and providing desired quantities of said selected items;

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f)   selecting at least one supplier for each of the desired items based on supplier selection criteria, wherein said supplier selection criteria includes at least one of the following:

      i)   purchaser supplied criteria;

      ii)   criteria extracted from items sale terms.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the item sale terms include any or all of: whether a particular supplier supplies the respective item, price levels, stock levels, freight charges, geographic limitations on supply.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the item selection criteria return all available items, whether in stock or not.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the item selection criteria includes the purchaser details or purchaser terms for at least some of the stored vendors.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the supplier selection criteria includes purchase details or purchase terms or both.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the purchaser terms for each supplier/purchaser combination includes any or all of: whether the supplier will supply the purchaser, minimum orders, freight charges, sales terms, price bands.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the item selection criteria further include restrictions retrieved from the purchaser's purchase terms so as to restrict the items on the available item sublist to those items available from suppliers who have indicated that they will supply the particular purchaser.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the supplier selection criteria include restrictions retrieved from the purchaser terms.

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22.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the supplier selection criteria result in the selected supplier for a desired item being the supplier with the lowest price per unit of the item.

23.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the lowest price is the base price or it may be an effective price after allowing for any of the following: freight, available discounts, bonuses.

24.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the supplier selection criteria includes purchaser supplied criteria and said purchaser supplied criteria includes any or all of the following: a selected supplier, two or more suppliers, suppliers from a specified geographic location or locations, and delivery times.

25.   (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the purchaser supplied criteria includes criteria to obtain quotations from two or more suppliers for all items on the desired item list supplied by the respective supplier.

26.   (Original) The method of claim 14 including means to transmit orders to a selected supplier or suppliers for provision of ordered items.

27.   (Original) The method of claim 14 including the step of transmitting orders to a selected supplier or suppliers for provision of ordered items.

28.   (Currently Amended) An on-line system which provides primary data to multiple users via a network, the system including:

   a)   a master list of items, each item representing a product or service stored in a database storage means;

   b)   user identity means for storing on the database storage means user identity information received via the network relating to each of said users, at least part of which uniquely identifies each user from the other users;

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c̲b̶)   primary data supply means for supplying one or more users with primary data v̲i̲a̲ t̲h̲e̲ n̲e̲t̲w̲o̲r̲k̲;

d̲e̶)   secondary data selection criteria generating means for generating secondary data selection criteria for at least one user;

e̲d̶)   secondary data supply means for receiving said secondary data selection criteria and for supplying one or more of the users with secondary data concurrently or sequentially with the primary data;

f̲e̶)   recording means for recording data relating to the actions of at least one of the users supplied with said secondary data in the on-line system and for recording data relating to what secondary data was supplied to the user or each of said respective users;

f̶)——wherein said secondary data selection criteria includes information relating to the user identity information.

29.   (Currently Amended) A method of obtaining information on users of an on-line system which provides primary data to users v̲i̲a̲ a̲ n̲e̲t̲w̲o̲r̲k̲, the method including:

a)   p̲r̲o̲v̲i̲d̲i̲n̲g̲ a̲ m̲a̲s̲t̲e̲r̲ l̲i̲s̲t̲ o̲f̲ i̲t̲e̲m̲s̲, e̲a̲c̲h̲ i̲t̲e̲m̲ r̲e̲p̲r̲e̲s̲e̲n̲t̲i̲n̲g̲ a̲ p̲r̲o̲d̲u̲c̲t̲ o̲r̲ s̲e̲r̲v̲i̲c̲e̲ s̲t̲o̲r̲e̲d̲ o̲n̲ d̲a̲t̲a̲b̲a̲s̲e̲ s̲t̲o̲r̲a̲g̲e̲ m̲e̲a̲n̲s̲;

b̲)̲   u̲n̲i̲q̲u̲e̲l̲y̲ i̲d̲e̲n̲t̲i̲f̲y̲i̲n̲g̲ u̲s̲e̲r̲s̲ o̲f̲ t̲h̲e̲ s̲y̲s̲t̲e̲m̲ w̲i̲t̲h̲ a̲ u̲n̲i̲q̲u̲e̲ i̲d̲e̲n̲t̲i̲f̲i̲e̲r̲;

c̲b̶)   obtaining additional information relating to at least some of the users;

d̲e̶)   selecting and providing secondary data to users of the system concurrently or sequentially with the primary data;

e̲d̶)   recording information relating to actions of the users supplied with secondary data and information relating to what secondary data was supplied to each respective user;

e̶)——wherein the secondary data supplied to each user is selected at least in part using the unique identifier and/or at least part of said additional information.